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PONTIAC TOWNSHIP.

Adams, Joseph, F., farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Andrews, Thos., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Aerl, Isaac, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Bennet, C. N., farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Bancroft, L., nur. and gar.; P. O. Pontiac.
Brown, Reason, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Balmer, John, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Babcock, Mrs. J. S., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Bertram, Edward, furniture salesman.
Bowman, William G., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Brown, George R., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Breese, William, far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Beardsley, O. S., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Crouch, Emory, far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Cox, James, Sr., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Cox, James, Jr., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Cox, Jacob, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Corbin, J. K., far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Capes, William, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Capes, Charles, farmer; P. O. Pontiac.
Cunningham, George, far.; P. O. Pontiac.

Emerson, Wm. H
Erickson, C., far.;
Edgington, Jas. G
Fenton, Jas. G., d
Freudy, George, f
Finley, John M., f
Finley, Ezra, far.
Foley, Morris, far
Fritz, Peter, farm
Groves, W. F., far
Greenman, John,
Greenman, Silas, f
Glaze, Isaac, far.;
Grandy, Nathan S
Glaze, Jessie, far.
Garton, Isaac C., f
Hill, Harry, far.;
Honeywell, Jesse
Heisner, Paul, far
Heylson, Barney,
Hicks, Anthony, f

PIKE TOWNSHIP.

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Brooks, Wm. H., far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Bryant, John W., far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Bush, E. S., far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Bauerle, George, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Bunting, Homer, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Becker, Nicholas, farmer.
Bullington, G. M., farmer.
Bateman, J. R., farmer.
Breakey, William, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Capes, George, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Capes, Willoughby, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Capes, William, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Chambers, Aaron, far.; P. O. Chenoa.
Clark, John

Crow, George, far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Capes, Robert, far.; P. O. Pontiac.
Carpenter, A. W., farmer; P. O. Rc
Creek.
Cline, Wm., far.; P. O. Pontiac.

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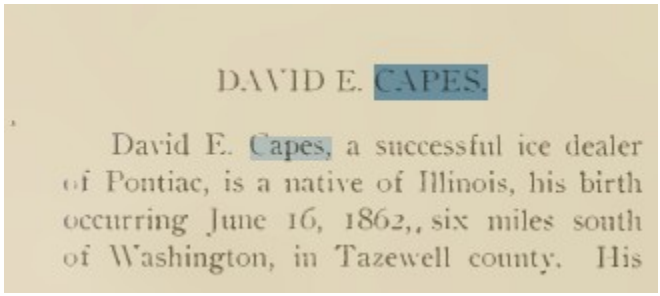

DAVID E. CAPES.

David E. Capes, a successful ice dealer of Pontiac, is a native of Illinois, his birth occurring June 16, 1862,, six miles south of Washington, in Tazewell county. His

parents, Willoughby and Elizabeth (Milner) Capes, were born, reared and married in Lincolnshire, England, where they continued to make their home until after the birth of three of their children. Then the family, in 1852, came to the new world and settled in Washington, Illinois, where for two years the father supported his wife and children by working as a day laborer at fifty cents per day. The second year he was able to purchase a horse, and the following year bought another, after which he engaged in farming on his own account, operating rented land for eleven years. At the end of that period he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land on section 9, Pike township, Livingston county, for which he paid seven dollars and a quarter per acre. He located thereon in the spring of 1864, and at once turned his attention to the improvement and cultivation of his place, soon converting it into a most desirable farm. In connection with general farming he was also engaged in stock raising, and each fall shipped a carlod of hogs to market. He built a fine house upon his place and made many other improvements, costing as much as two sections of land would have cost when he purchased his property. As an agriculturist he met with marked success and was able to assist his sons in getting a start in life. He was one of the early members of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal church at Greymont, which he helped to establish, and was one of the main standbys in the erection of the house of worship. From the first he served as steward of the church, and was recognized

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WILLOUGHBY CAPES.

D. E. CAPES.

He was born at Mar's Chapel, near Grimsey, Lincolnshire, England, October 18, 1819, and died October 4, 1899. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Milner, in 1844, and they became the parents of thirteen children. She was born in Yorkshire, England, March 13, 1827. In her seventeenth year she was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, and her life was freely given to the labors of the church, and her influence upon Bethel community will be felt in the years to come. After a long illness she fell asleep September 4, 1898.

Our subject was the eighth in order of birth in the family born to this worthy couple. During his boyhood he attended the public schools of Pike township, and aided his father in the work of the home farm until he attained his majority. On the 28th of December, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Alice A. Piper, of Rock Creek, Illinois, and they now have two children: Delbert R., born January 8, 1884, and Cora Belle, born February 1, 1886. Both are now attending the high school of Pontiac.

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After his marriage Mr. Capes remained at home until the fall of 1883, when he purchased eighty acres of raw prairie land only three miles from Pontiac—a rare thing for that late date. He had no money and it was only with the help of his father as security for the first payment that he was able to purchase it. That fall he built a house and commenced breaking the land. He tiled it the next spring and continued the work of improvement and cultivation until he had one of the best farms of its size in the locality, raising as much on it, by working it thoroughly, as many did who owned twice the number of acres. At the age of sixteen he commenced running a threshing machine, which he operated thirteen years, and this

helped him out considerably in paying for his land, which was soon free from debt. He was one of the youngest threshers in the county and made a success of the business. He continued to carry on his farm until 1893, when he sold it for ninety-five dollars per acre, having paid forty dollars for it.

Mr. Capes then moved to Pontiac, where he was engaged in different lines of trade for a time, including the implement and milk business. In July, 1895, he turned his attention to the ice business. At that time there were two firms of the kind in the city; one of these he got his brother to buy, while he purchased the other and then, buying his brother's business, he had entire control of the ice trade. His ice houses were located on the Vermilion river near the Wabash Railroad, where he owns two acres of land, on which are six houses, with a storage capacity of eight thousand tons. He puts up a full supply and gives employment to many men in cutting the ice. During the summer he runs four teams and employs nine men in its distribution to his customers, and for the past three years has controlled the ice trade of the city and done a good business. He has a fine property on the south side of the river, opposite the Chautauqua grounds and extending to the river. Here he has a nice home where he can enjoy the results of his labor. He belongs to that class of men

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